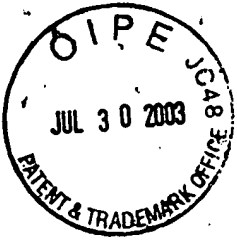


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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 10-336249, published December 18, 1998 with English Abstract.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 63-197148, published August 16, 1988 with English Abstract.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2-195756, published August 2, 1990 with English Abstract.

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